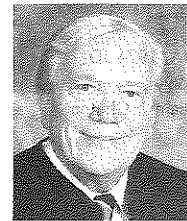


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**Kermit Edward Bye**  
Circuit Judge

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Education: North Dakota 1959 BSBA, 1962 JD  
Began Service: April 22, 2000  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Grand Forks County States Attorney (1959-1962);  
Law Clerk, Nelson & Mack (1959-1962)

**Government:** North Dakota Deputy Securities Commissioner and Special  
Assistant Attorney General (1962-1966); Assistant United States Attorney,  
District of North Dakota, United States Attorney's Office, United States  
Department of Justice (1966-1968)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Member and Stockholder, Vogel, Weir, Bye, Hunke  
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**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Bar  
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Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Nebraska 1969 BA, 1972 JD  
Began Service: August 16, 2001  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Affiliation:** Adjunct Professor, Trial Practice, School of Law, Creighton  
University; Adjunct Professor, Trial Advocacy, College of Law, University of  
Nebraska System

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, Trial Practice, College of Law, University of  
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**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Donald P. Lay, United States Court of  
Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (1972-1973)

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**Legal Practice:** Associate, Fitzgerald, Schorr, Barmettler & Brennan, PC,  
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**Michael J. Melloy**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Loras 1970 BA; Iowa 1974 JD  
Began Service: February 26, 2002  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Judicial:** Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the  
Northern District of Iowa (1986-1992); District Judge, United States  
District Court for the Northern District of Iowa (1992-2002)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, O'Connor, Thomas, Wright, Hammer, Bertsch &  
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**Military Service:** United States Army (1970-1972); United States Army  
Reserve, United States Department of the Army (1972-1976)

**Current Memberships:** The Dean Mason Ladd American Inn of Court, The  
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**Lavenski R. Smith**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1958  
Education: Arkansas 1981 BA, 1987 JD  
Began Service: July 19, 2002

**Academic:** Assistant Professor, John Brown University (1994-1996)

**Government:** Regulatory Liaison, Office of the Governor, State of Arkansas  
(1996-1997); Chairman, Public Service Commission, State of Arkansas  
(1997-1999)

**Judicial:** Associate Justice, Arkansas Supreme Court (1999-2000)

**Legal Practice:** Law Clerk, Hall, Wright & Morris (1985-1987); Staff  
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**Steven M. Colloton**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: January 9, 1963  
Education: Princeton 1985 BA; Yale 1988 JD  
Began Service: September 30, 2003  
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Date of Birth: 1963  
Education: Washington U (MO) 1984 BA, 1987 MBA, 1987 JD  
Began Service: June 28, 2004  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Government:** U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of Missouri, United States  
Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice, George H.W. Bush  
Administration (1990-1994)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Lewis, Rice & Fingersh, L.C. (1987-1990);  
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**Duane Benton**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1950  
Education: Northwestern 1972 BA; Yale 1975 JD; Memphis State 1979 MBA;  
Virginia 1995 LLM  
Began Service: July 8, 2004  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, Westminster College; Adjunct Professor,  
School of Law, University of Missouri, Columbia

**Government:** Administrative Assistant (R-MO, District 8), Office of  
Representative R. Wendell Bailey, United States House of Representatives  
(1980-1982); Director, Revenue Department, State of Missouri  
(1989-1991)

**Judicial:** Judge, Missouri Supreme Court (1991-2004); Chief Justice,  
Missouri Supreme Court (1997-1999)

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1975-1979); Judge Advocate  
General CAPT, United States Navy Reserve, United States Department of  
the Navy (1979-2002)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Institute of  
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